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Applicant THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ...				
<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau a total of sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) , containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>				
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-46 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-31 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/10-10/10 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-31
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-31
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-15,18-21,26,27,30,31
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and /or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

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(SEPARATE SHEET)**

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point V:

The instant application relates to cholesterol glycosides which consist of the cholesterol moiety as aglycon plus galactose as the sugar part. The galactose is linked to the C-3 position of the steroid nucleus via the bridging member L. The hydroxy functions at C-2',3' and 4' of the galactose are unmodified whereas the C-6' OH is acylated with a mono carbonic acid terminating in the nitrogen containing group R¹. In addition to the sterol containing glycosides the application contains i.a. also claims referring to conjugates containing a protein carrier which is covalently attached.

Neither the specific cholesterol containing compounds nor the conjugates are disclosed in the prior art or made obvious by the documents cited; novelty and inventive step are therefore acknowledged (Art.33(2) (3) PCT).

As concerns the papers of Gil Ben-Menachem et al. and N.Schröder et al. the IPEA assumes that the present application is entitled to the priority data claimed.

As concerns formal matters to applicant's attention is already directed to the following:

- in the formula given in Claim 1 the 4'-OH should be in the beta position.
- in conjunction with the definition of the bridging member L reference is made i.a. to nitrogen and phosphorous which are at least 3-valent, a definition which only gives the element symbol as such is therefore deemed to be incomplete; Art.6 PCT.